

ment. This article provides in effect that merchants of either country residing in the other shall remain to settle their affairs and to depart freely, carrying off all their effects without molestation or hindrance, and women and children, artisans and certain others may continue their respective employments and shall not be molested in their persons or property. It is now proposed by the imperial German government to extend the scope of this article so as to grant to German subjects and German property remaining in the United States the same treatment as that enjoyed by neutral subjects and neutral property in the United States.

May Have Been Abrogated.

"This government is seriously considering whether or not the treaty of 1828 and the revised articles of the treaties of 1785 and 1799 have not been in effect abrogated by the German government's flagrant violations of their provisions, for it would be manifestly unjust and inequitable to require one party to an agreement to observe its stipulations and to permit the other party to disregard them. It would appear that the mutuality of the understanding has been destroyed by the conduct of the German authorities."

No General Internment.

The status of Germans in this country is not held to be affected by the refusal to reaffirm the old treaties and there will be no general internment of Germans. The most serious project now in mind is adoption of the military Canadian system, by which Germans must register and remain within certain limits unless especially permitted to travel. Under this plan only 6,000 of 80,000 Germans in Canada have been interned.

City Police to Clean Up.

Weapons and Ammunition to Be Furnished District Force by the War Department.

Following a conference with Secretary of War Baker yesterday afternoon, Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, announced that every employee of the police department, including civilian employees, will be instructed in handling the regulation army rifle and that arms and ammunition will be stored in the several stations and substations of the department.

Instruction in Squads.

It was arranged that members of the department and civilian employees be instructed in squads, the higher officers of the department forming the first squad, which will be composed of the men. It is stated, however, that the instruction will be very easy to them.

Rifles for Emergency.

Discussing the question of preparedness with a Star reporter, Maj. Pullman explained that it is not the purpose of the department to have policemen on regular duty carrying rifles. The rifles, he stated, are kept in the armory stations, ready for use in case of emergency.

Rowland R. Murdoch, Artist, Dead.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 26.—Rowland R. Murdoch, aged forty-one, was known as an artist and newspaper man, is dead here following an illness of several weeks. He was a resident of this city as an artist by the sketches at the time of the San Francisco earthquake and during the Russo-Japanese war.

Drug Evil Increasing in New York.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The use of habit-forming drugs has increased to such an extent in this city, reports Justice Cornelius F. Collins of the court of special sessions, chairman of the commission on the drug evil, that it is estimated that 10 per cent of the business of that tribunal is made up of cases of addicts.

GERMANS DEPOSE MAY START ACTION

Petrograd Confident Army Will Be Able to Protect the Capital.

SUPPORT IS PLEDGED DUMA

By the Associated Press. PETROGRAD, March 25, via London, 2:15 p.m. (British admiralty, per Wireless Press).—After the discharge of four gas waves the Germans yesterday attempted to make an advance near Pustovsk, on the northern part of the Russian front below Dvinsk. The war office announces that the Germans were repelled.

Full Confidence in Army.

PETROGRAD, March 25, via London, March 26.—The news that Field Marshal von Hindenburg was planning a campaign against Petrograd was repelled by the capital with surprisingly little consternation, evoking rather a spirit of calm and unshakable confidence in the loyalty of the troops and the ability of the army to protect the city from the new danger.

Made Propaganda Easy.

The cloudy state of mind of the peasant population which, bewildered by the new vista of freedom and equality, and having had little experience with liberty of any sort, imagined that it meant relaxation of every kind of authority and discipline, made the propaganda of the agitators easy at first. But the prompt measures taken by the government and duma delegations removed whatever danger lay in that direction.

Press Now Tells Truth.

Freedom from the censorship already made a salutary effect in permitting the truth to be published about the new danger from a German attack without the usual accompaniment of extravagant rumors, which in the past made "news" more alarming than the truth itself. The result is that without minimizing the danger, the press has accepted the declaration of the minister of war quietly and without any undue excitement.

Plan to Crush Russia.

LONDON, March 26.—Special dispatches from Petrograd, dated Friday, emphasize the seriousness of the situation arising from the German concentration on the Riga-Dvinsk front, with the apparently clear intention of attempting to break through to Petrograd. It is argued that the shortening of the German front in France is part of a plan to overwhelm Russia by a sudden and tremendous blow before the country can recover from the unsettling effects of the revolution.

Must Drop Steamer Line.

Decision by U. S. Supreme Court Affecting Leigh Valley R. R.

In the first case brought under the Panama canal act requiring railroads to dispose of their steamship interests, the Supreme Court of the United States is operating in the mountains and forests. The bureau's statement says the action of the railroads is due to forced recruiting, wholesale requisitions and inhuman treatment by the Bulgarians.

Serbs Revolt Against Bulgars.

LONDON, March 26.—Reuters' Corfu correspondent says the Serbian press bureau has issued a statement to the effect that the inhabitants of eastern Serbia are revolting against the Bulgarians and are organizing bands which are operating in the mountains and forests. The bureau's statement says the action of the railroads is due to forced recruiting, wholesale requisitions and inhuman treatment by the Bulgarians.

WASHINGTON RAILWAY AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REPORTED CONTEMPLATING SEEKING AN INJUNCTION.

Officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company today declined to discuss a report that injunction proceedings are to be instituted in the District Supreme Court against the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

OFFICIALS ARE RETICENT

It became known that such proceedings were being considered by company officials. Contemplation of such action is based on a statement made by Edward McMorrow, national organizer, to the effect that the strike has just begun, and I have been holding my men in check, but I am afraid I can't do it much longer because of the oppression of the company.

Seek to Try It Out on the District of Columbia.

At a meeting of the Columbia Typographical Union yesterday resolutions were passed pledging a moral and financial support of the street car strikers, and endorsing the boycott of the Washington Railway and Electric Company by organized labor in the District.

INTERNED GERMANS OFF FOR STOCKADES

(Continued from First Page.) The escort of American marines. In the second coach were the officers of the German raiders, of whom one was the commander, Capt. Thierfelder. In the other cars were the German sailors, who were being held in the District of Columbia. They were being held in the District of Columbia.

TO CARE FOR FAMILIES OF SEPARATE BATTALION

Relief work by the Red Cross for the needy families of the soldiers of the 1st Separate Battalion, and of any and all units of the District Guard of the District of Columbia that may be called into service, and to advise him of the conditions of the district.

Will Urge His Resolution.

Senator Hughes of New Jersey, author of a resolution introduced in the Senate just before that body closed its recent special session, providing for an investigation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, today declared that he would urge his resolution.

ROME ATTACKS INDICTMENT.

Former Policeman Accused of Blackmail Files Fourteen Objections.

Guy Rone, one of two policemen recently indicted for blackmail and extortion, in the alleged demanding and receiving of \$40 from two visitors to the inaugural ceremonies in lieu of an arrest on a charge of violating the Kenyon act, today filed a motion to quash the indictment against him.

Bibles Presented to Midshipmen.

Anticipating their hurried graduation to help meet the nation's war crisis 178 midshipmen at Annapolis were formally presented with Bibles in Bancroft Hall last night. This followed a custom of many years at the Naval Academy.

FIRST SEPARATE BATTALION, N. G. D. C., ORDERED INTO FEDERAL SERVICE.



Busy scene at the armory at 12th and U streets northwest this morning, showing members of the troop putting their guns and other equipment in train.

TO PUT BATTALION ON GUARD DUTY AT POTOMAC BRIDGES

A drill period of one hour and that there would be another drill at 8 o'clock tonight. The men all were inquiring whether they would be permitted to return to their homes tonight or whether they would be kept in the armory or some other barracks. Neither the battalion commander nor any of the company officers could give them any information along this line, all saying that it depended on the nature of the orders from the Eastern Department.

ARMY A BUSY PLACE.

The army was humming with activity this morning. Uniforms were being brushed up and rifles and other equipment were being cleaned. Every one was inquiring "How long is this going to last?"

ARMY SYSTEM UP TO CONGRESS.

Congress must determine the system which the new army is to be based on. The action already taken provides more elastic machinery, found necessary as a result of the recent border mobilization, for the enrolling and training of a great army, whether raised as volunteers, by conscription or through a universal military training system.

PROMISE TO CO-OPERATE IN PROTECTING CAPITAL

District Commissioners Assure Secretary Baker of Desire to Aid National Government.

Messrs. Newman and Brownlow and the District Commissioners of the District of Columbia, after a meeting with Secretary Baker, today assured him of their willingness to co-operate in the protection of the capital.

U. S. to Do Police Work.

The President, following his conference with Gov. McCall of Massachusetts Friday night, and Saturday with Secretary Baker, reached the conclusion that as the federal government is responsible for the situation which creates the danger of internal disorders, it should also assume the burden of providing adequate police force.

Charles J. Fenner Under Charges.

Charles J. Fenner, who was employed as a clerk in the office of an insurance company in the Southern building, is under arrest in Chicago, according to a message received at the Department of Justice last night. Fenner is charged with the murder of a man named John J. Kelly, who was found dead in a trunk containing several suits of clothes.

AMERICANS ABOARD

Torpedoing of the Norwegian steamer Wilfred with two Americans aboard and the British steamer Chorley with three Americans, was reported today to the State Department. The Wilfred was sunk by the German submarine U-20, which was sighted on March 23.

Five Were Members of Crews, But Got Away Safely in Boats.

Embassador Sharp's Report. Ambassadors Sharp at Paris sent this report on the Wilfred: "American consular agent at Brest reports sinking on 15th instant at 8 p.m. of Norwegian steamer Wilfred from Newport, England, to Gibraltar with coal. He obtained signed statements from two Americans, Bill Southward, born November 5, 1895, Wayne, Texas, and John J. Kelly, born June 23, 1892, Panama, sailor papers lost, signed on as American, who stated that Wilfred did not carry troops and was not armed."

DESCRIPTION OF VESSELS.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The Chorley was a vessel of 3,825 tons, and was 340 feet long. She was built in 1901. The Wilfred registered 1,121 tons gross, was 231 feet long and was built in 1905.

PRESIDENT USES ALL HIS POWER TO PUT U. S. ON FULL WAR FOOTING

(Continued from First Page.) six military departments in place of the four now existing. The new organization becomes effective May 1, 1917, and comprises the following: A—Northern Department, to embrace the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Headquarters at Boston.

SHOT BY BURGLAR.

Harold E. Yarnall, Midland Valley R. R. Treasurer, Fatally Wounded. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 26.—Harold E. Yarnall, treasurer of the Midland Valley railroad, was shot and fatally wounded by a negro burglar, whom his wife had found in her room at their home here last night.

LEADS ANNAPOLIS CLASS.

F. E. Heaberle, Star of Midshipmen to Be Graduated Thursday. ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 26.—F. E. Heaberle of California leads the members of his class, which will be graduated next Thursday from the Naval Academy, two months in advance of the scheduled time, because of the immediate need of officers for the ships of the navy.

Big Reading Store Burned.

READING, Pa., March 26.—Fire destroyed a big reading store here today. The loss is about \$150,000. A watchman said that the fire was due to the collapse of the hot-water furnace in the basement. It simply fell apart and immediately thereafter the flames communicated to the upper floors.

Toll of German U-Boats.

BERLIN, March 26.—The sinking of twenty-five more steamships, fourteen sailing vessels and thirty-seven trawlers with an aggregate gross tonnage of 88,000 in the last few days is announced by the admiralty.

PLAN TO SUPPLY LABOR FOR GOVERNMENT WORK

Conference Scheduled for Wednesday as Part of Preparedness Program. In order to work out plans for getting the government all kinds of labor for use in time of war, officials of the United States employment service, the War Department, the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Reserve Bank, the American Federation of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board will hold a conference Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the office of Secretary Wilson of the Labor Department.

TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

Plans to avoid duplication of effort by the civil service and the employment service in getting workers for munitions plants, arsenals, navy yards and all plants furnishing supplies to the government in war times, will be considered by the conference. Under the laws the civil service commission has general oversight over government employment. The federal employment service is a new agency developed to such an extent that it is able to supplement the civil service in the splendid fashion especially in relation to securing skilled and unskilled workers.

A. F. of L. Valuable Factor.

The conference is planned looking toward the harmonizing of the power of these two governmental agencies, in co-operation with the Federation of Labor. The latter, through the business managers of its labor unions throughout the country, can supply the government with lists of surplus workers available in emergency at the call of the government.

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Bad Check Cases Go to Court.

Two instances in which "bad checks" have been passed are to be taken before the Police Court this week, according to a statement made by Charles J. Connelley, chief of the Police Court, today. It is possible that more than two checks will be taken before the court before the week ends. This is the first time that the Police Court has taken such cases.

Work of Women in War Zone, Topic.

The work of the women in the war zone will form the subject of an address by Mrs. Josephine Griffith of Chicago at a meeting of the Dupont Chapter, Young Women's Christian Association, this afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. P. Sanders, 1304 21st street.

Transfer of Appam Is Ordered.

Immediate transfer of the prize ship Appam at Newport News, Va., to the British owners was ordered today by the Supreme Court of the United States. This is the last step in taking the vessel from Lieut. Hans Borg and the German crew, who were captured by the court's recent decision that the Appam violated American neutrality.